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To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled;

THE MEMORIAL OF "THE CANADIAN INSTITUTE"

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That the Legislature of this Province did some years ago determine on carrying into effect a Geological Survey of the Country, and nominated Mr. (now Sir William) Logan, as the Director of this undertaking. For proof of the wise and well-judged foresight, which, in the opinion of Your Memorialists, characterized this determination and selection, Your Memorialists would beg to refer to the Report of the Select Committee appointed by Your Honble. House during last Session, "to report upon the best means of making public the valuable information already obtained by the Geological Survey, and completing it at an early period upon a uniform system."

Your Memorialists being a Society established by Royal Charter, for the promotion of Science, Literature, and the Practical Arts affecting the social advancement of this Province, feel it their duty to record their sense of the importance of this Survey, and their high appreciation of the services of Sir William Logan, in its conduct, and to urge the necessity of placing additional means at his command, in furtherance of those labors which are even now beginning to bear fruit; inasmuch as the Survey is well known to have already contributed very valuable scientific and practical results, and through the zeal and energy of its Director in London, and more recently in Paris, has been the means of publishing to other nations the material wealth and the present and prospective importance of this country.

Therefore, considering that the Geological Survey of Canada is universally recognised to be of the highest scientific importance, and calculated, perhaps, more than any other public service to develope the vast, though hidden resources of the Province, and that the most valuable and beneficial results may be confidently expected from its further prosecution under so able and zealous a Director as Sir William Logan, Your Memorialists most respectfully pray Your Honble. House to take the matter under your consideration, with a view to make further provision for carrying on the Survey on a more extended scale, so as to ensure its completion in every detail at the earliest possible period:

And Your Memorialists, as in duty bound will ever pray, &c., &c.

(Signed) GEORGE WILLIAM ALLAN, *President.*
E. A. MEREDITH, *Vice-President.*
JAMES BOVELL, M. D., *Vice-President.*